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Docket No. YOR920030013US1  
(YOR.427)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

David William Abraham, et al.

Serial No.: 10/680,260

Group Art Unit: 2814

Filed: October 8, 2003

Examiner: Anh D. Mai

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PATTERNING OF MAGNETIC THIN  
FILMS USING GASEOUS TRANSFORMATION TO TRANSFORM A  
MAGNETIC PORTION TO A NON-MAGNETIC PORTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper. The amendments to the  
claims do not add new matter.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.